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## Croatia

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## Voluntary Grain Report

### Report Categories:

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### Report Highlights:

The 2009/2010 market year wheat crop is expected to be sown on 200,000 ha with total production of 900,000 MT. This will allow for about 250,000 MT of exports. Corn is expected to be sown on about 350,000 ha with an expected yield of 2.10 million MT, which could result in few exports, approximately 100,000 MT. Barley is expected to be sown on 60,000 ha with an estimated yield of 260,000 MT and potential imports of about 40,000 MT.

### General Information:

Prediction of grain production in Croatia for the season 2009/2010 depends greatly on the possibilities of Croatian farmers to invest in spring sowing. Currently farmers received just part of the state subsidy money for last season's crop, which greatly impedes them in buying inputs like fertilizer, seed and plant protection. This combined with higher prices of agricultural inputs caused by global financial crisis could result in lower commodity yields due to insufficient plant nutrition and plant disease protection. In addition, due to last year's low corn prices, many corn farmers are planning to switch from corn to soybeans. Nevertheless, currently favorable crop growing conditions could result in the following crop yields:

## Wheat

Market year 2009/2010 Croatian wheat crop is expected to be sown on 200,000 ha, with total production at 900,000 MT. From this production, Croatian wheat exports are expected to be approximately 250,000 MT. The primary markets for Croatian wheat exports are Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia and a few other European countries. In addition to domestic production, every year Croatia imports a small quantity of durum wheat to use for blending.

## Corn

In 2009/2010, corn is expected to be sown on approximately 350,000 ha, which is somewhat less than last year. Total production is also expected to decrease compared to last year, due primarily to lower production surface and lower production inputs. Total yield is roughly expected to be at 2.10 million MT. This will result in a very small surplus, with potential exports of 100,000 MT.

## Barley

Barley is expected to be sown on about 60,000 ha, with an estimated yield of 260,000 MT. Imports are expected to be around 40,000MT.

## Tariffs

Tariffs and quota information can be found at [www.carina.hr](http://www.carina.hr), or from the USDA/FAS office in Zagreb by contacting Andreja Misir, USDA/FAS, Agricultural Specialist, [andreja.misir@usda.gov](mailto:andreja.misir@usda.gov).